

**COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
ON-LINE VIA BLUE JEANS
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:06 p.m.

Present:

Kate Griffiths, Chair
Jessica Crouse, Vice-Chair
Nalani Kaninau
Sharon Daniels
Leihuanani Bissen

Excused:

Ki`i Kahooohanohano

Absent:

Mahie McPherson

Ex-Officio:

Excused-Stacey Moniz, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Staff:

Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Ipo Mossman, Community Liaison
Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison
Sherilyn Otsubo, Administrative Assistant

Darlene Endrina introduced Ipo Mossman who is replacing Gladys Baisa. Chair Griffiths mentioned that the 7-member committee is under the Mayor's office and serves as an advisory committee. The committee members are appointed by the Mayor and do not need Council's approval. Above the CSW is the Hawaii State Commission and above that is the National Commission of the Status of Women.

2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

There was no public testimony.

3. Approval of Meetings Minutes of June 23, 2020

Member Kaninau moved to approve the minutes and Member Bissen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. State Ex-Officio Report

Chair Griffiths deferred this item to the next meeting agenda.

5. Discuss New Sponsorship of Domestic Violence Awareness Fair with Women Helping Women Executive Director, Sanoë Kaaihue

Director Kaaihue would like the DVAF to be a lot bigger with more awareness. One way is to bring back the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. She wants to get as many organizations and non-profits to participate. Chair Griffiths mentioned that the committee has money in the budget to help with the fair.

Member Bissen asked when and where the event will take place, what are the hours, and what is the general attendance? Director Kaaihue responded that it will be held on October 17 from about 10 am-2 pm at Kaahumanu Center, however QKC has canceled all events until the end of the year. Member Bissen said that she can ask UH Maui College if the fair can be held there and she also volunteered to help with the fair in any way she can. Director Kaaihue said that about 70 people have attended this event. They do radio ads, flyers, and social media, but not newspaper ads.

Chair Griffiths stated that the role of the CSW will not be to organize, but to be a sponsor of the event. Women Helping Women will be taking over all duties of the fair. Director Kaaihue will let the CSW know what kind of budget they come up with.

6. Update on Council Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez's Resolution to Council Chair Lee Regarding Supporting and Urging the Mayor to Support a Feminist Economic Recovery Plan for COVID-19 – Chair Griffiths

The plan was written by the Executive Director of the Commission on the Status of Women and was passed by Council. In the resolution there was a “Be It Resolved” that stated that one member of the CSW would be a part of the Economic Recovery Task Force. A press release from the Mayor came out this week, unfortunately no CSW member was named on the task force. Darlene Endrina was not able to discuss this with Managing Director Sandy Baz. She spoke briefly with the Mayor but he said that he already had everything set. Chair Griffiths asked that Darlene, with Ipo Mossman's assistance, follow up with Managing Director and Mayor and make them aware of what is stated in the resolution.

Member Kaninau asked for a copy of the press release and if there are minutes to their meeting. Sherilyn Otsubo will follow up.

7. Discuss the Establishment of a I loko. Waena. Imua. (IWI) Program to Assist Women in Prison in Maui County

Chair Griffiths deferred this item to the next meeting agenda.

8. Budget Status for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021

Chair Griffiths mentioned that the Mayor increased the budget for the committee and allocated \$11,000. Sherilyn Otsubo will send the budget to the committee members.

9. Subcommittee Status Update

- Website Coordination Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse is still waiting for the notification from our survey friends for the entries to be completed.

- Women’s Survey Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse had no updates. Member Kaninau entered the 35 lavender surveys from 2019 into the system. The 115, 2-sided surveys from 2018 were not in the same format on the website. Member Bissen offered to help create a Google Doc to compile the data.
- Voter Registration Subcommittee – Chair Griffiths came up with graphic options for the flyer to encourage women to vote. It’s too late for the primary so this will be done in time for the General Election and will be in the October issue of the Lanai paper (Darlene will take care of this), Molokai Dispatch, Maui Mama Magazine and Facebook page, and Maui Time. Member Bissen moved and Member Kaninau seconded the motion for the flyer with all the women including the female sign in the word “vote”. The motion carried unanimously.
(Vice-Chair Crouse took over chairing the meeting.)
- Human Trafficking Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse had no updates. Member Kaninau mentioned that there has been a lot of attention given to human trafficking recently and it’s on the radar.
- Women of Excellence Recognition Event Subcommittee – Member Kaninau presented the award to Autumn Ness and Makena Tsark. Chair Griffiths and Trinette Furtado presented Clare Apana with her award. Member Bissen presented the award to Hulu Lindsey. All recipients were honored to be recognized, especially with the personal way the awards were delivered. Vice-Chair Crouse will assist with preparing a draft of the press release to announce all the winners.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Fair Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse thanked Member Daniels for all of her hard work with chairing the event for the past 2 years. Member Daniels will contact Sanoë Kaaihue and pass along any information and materials she has.
(Chair Griffiths took over chairing the meeting.)

10. Agenda Setting

The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:

- Attendance policy
- Purple bag giveaway
- Establishment of a I loko. Waena. Imua. (IWI) Program
- Task Force update
- CSW budget

11. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. online via bluejeans.com.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.